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TITLE OF INVENTION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING, A TABLE, OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING COMPACT DISC APPENDIX

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to covering device, specifically to a garment that may function as a scarf and a head band combination, along with a method of so using the item.

There are a numerous warming devices for use as head, ear, neck and chest protectors. These devices are represented in part by Thorpe U.S. Pat. No. 1040461 in which a cap and hood is shown also covering the neck. Schuessler U.S. Pat. No. 2735283 shows a knitted cap structure with multiple means of attachments. Rubenstein et al. U.S. Pat. No. 3509580 multipurpose dress accessory shows a versatile device worn numerous ways. Frechmann et al. U.S. Pat. No. 3935597 shows a wearing apparel hood which covers the head, front of the neck and a portion of the chest. Cionni U.S. Pat. No. 5038412 shows a headband with earmuffs. Ferguson et al. U.S.

Pat. No. 5115517 shows a scarf garment which covers the head, ears and neck. Dixon U.S. Pat. No. 6640342 shows a hat and scarf combination which covers the head, ears, neck and chest area.

Although there are various types of ear and neck warmers the present invention has been constructed to protect the ears in a comfortable manner without applying pressure on the head and the ears. The headband like shape results in less disruption of the hair and focuses on the ears, neck and a portion of the chest area, allowing men, women and children an alternative method for warmth. The button hole and the alternate attachment device such as Velcro or any other attachment devices are strategically placed in positions that enable the present invention to be reversible and remain secure during most activities. A conventional hat may be worn over the present invention and the compact and flexible nature allows it to fit in a pocket.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a covering device connected in a novel way which allows the device to adjust to the contour of an individual's proportions. The device is a head band which is narrow at the top portion of the head and gradually widens to a width that covers an individual's ears. The headband is angled at the ends and is attached to the scarf portion at spaced points resulting in there remaining an opening at the back of the head. The scarf portion includes a button hole type insertion at one end of the scarf portion to insert one end which enables the scarf to adjust to most sizes and extends downward to cover a portion of the chest. The scarf portion can also be connected by an attachment placed at each opposite end portions so as the chest covering portion does not exist.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, there is shown in the drawings a form which is presently preferred; it being understood, however, that this invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and instrumentalities shown.

FIG. 1 shows a top plain view of a covering device embodying features of the scarf portion of the present invention.

FIG. 2 shows a top plan view of a covering device embodying features of the headband portion of the present invention.

FIG. 3 shows a right side view of the present invention.

FIG. 4 shows a back side view of the present invention.

FIG. 5 shows a perspective of the method of attachment through the passageway.

FIG. 6 shows the alternate method of attachment of the present invention as being worn by an individual.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring in detailed description to the drawings, FIG. 1 shows a neck and chest covering device generally designated by the numeral 10. The neck and chest covering device 10, is formed by an elongated fabric member of a generally rectangular configuration having an intermediate portion 14, spaced points portions 16, a front portion 18, a back portion 20, opposite end portions 22, a top portion 24, a bottom portion 26, opposite side edges 28 and 30, beginning of reduced opposite end portions 32, buttonhole portion 34, and an alternate attachment portion 36.

There is provided an elongated strip of fabric FIG. 2 in which identical parts are identified with the same reference numeral. The scarf portion shown in FIG. 2, generally designated by the numeral 12 is formed by a generally hourglass fabric member having an intermediate portion 38, opposite side edges 40 and 42, a front edge 44, a back edge 46, an opposite end portions 48. The fabric members of 12 are joined together by a respective pair of first and second fabric layers. In the illustrated structure 12 each of the fabric portions 44 and 46 are secured together by a line of stitching along the interior of 40 and 42. The thickness of the

intermediate portion 38 is substantially less than fabric portions 44, 46 and 48. Also referring to 12, fabric members are then turned so as a line of stitching 50 is applied to the exterior of fabric portions 12 to secure the elongated hourglass configuration. The length of 44 is preferably in the range of 9 3/8", whereas the length of 46 is preferably in the range of 9 7/8".

The fabric member 12 is placed into the interior of FIG. 1 of the top 24 and the opposite side edge 30 with the back edge 46 of FIG. 2, placed at 16 of FIG. 1, whereby FIG 1 and FIG 2 are joined together with a single seam leaving an opening of approximately 1" for turning to expose the exterior of the completed combination. The distance of FIG 1 between the spaced points 16 will equal a space or opening at the back neck portion of the person's head of approximately 2 3/4". A topstitching is sewn around the complete edges of FIG 1 reference 10 while also enclosing the 1" opening used for turning. The spaced points 16 of FIG 1 are affixed slightly off center which aids in the unique fit of the headwear. This connection defines an attached scarf and headband.

A buttonhole is applied FIG 1 reference 34 at the center of 28 and 30 approximately 2" from both points 16 to provide a point of attachment. The button hole is a form of attachment so as the wearer has control over the tightness desired whereas the length permits the scarf portion 10 to extend over the chest and worn under the collar and opening of the wear's coat. When FIG 1 opposite end portions 22 are inserted into buttonhole 34 the opposite end portions will cross at the neck area and extend downward to the chest. This method prevents wind and cold from entering into the exposed area some coats do not protect. The various dimensions of 10 allow resistance when inserted into 34, so as the attachment is secure although flexible, and most important adjust to most sizes.

The combination of the scarf portion and the neck and chest covering device is shown in FIG. 3, with reference to the alternate attachment method 36. A fastening device such as but not limited to Velcro, is mounted to FIG 1, alternate attachment 36. This method results in the scarf portion extending only around the individual's neck as opposed to the chest covering portion which is described in 34.

FIG. 4 shows the completed device with reference to the top stitching 50 and 52.